

REMARKS

Claim Objections

The numbering of the claims was objected to based on 37 CFR 1.126. Misnumbered claim 9 has been renumbered as claim 8 as required. Please note that while claim 8 as amended is marked as "Currently Amended," the content of that claim is actually original; it was misnumbered in the original application as filed and the amendment merely fixes the claim number. The claim formerly numbered as 10 has been renumbered as claim 9 for consistency with the Examiner's remarks in numbered paragraph 5 of the Office Action mailed June 15, 2005, but has been cancelled.

Double Patenting Rejections

Claims 1-8 were rejected as being unpatentable over claims 1-4 of U.S. Patent 6,666,861 to Grabek based on the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. According to the Office Action, those claims would be allowable with the filing of an appropriate terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer complying with 37 CFR 1.321(c) is enclosed herewith to obviate the double patenting rejection.

As mentioned previously, claim 9 (formerly numbered as 10) has been cancelled, so the 102(b) rejection thereof is now moot.

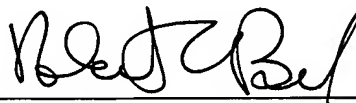
CONCLUSION

All of the claims remaining in this application should now be seen to be in condition for allowance. The prompt issuance of a notice to that effect is solicited.

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